

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

March 6, 2018

The Honorable Kevin Brady  
Chairman  
Committee on Ways and Means  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, D.C. 20515

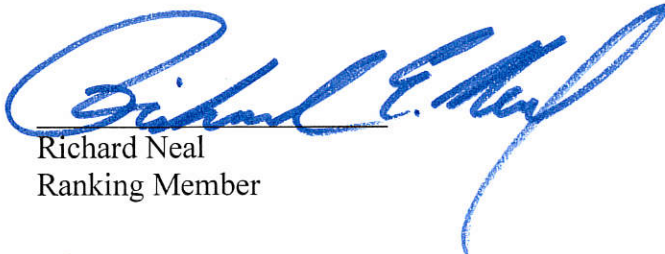
Dear Chairman Brady:

It is no secret that America's infrastructure lags behind that of our global competitors. The United States faces a \$2 trillion funding gap between projected spending and documented needs by 2025. Meanwhile, China has heavily invested in its domestic infrastructure and has asserted itself across Asia, Europe, and Africa, building new roads and bridges in their Belt and Road Initiative to support their export-driven growth. It is past time that Congress craft legislation to fix our crumbling infrastructure and restore our global competitiveness. As members of the House Ways and Means Committee, we urge you to ensure that the Committee will assert its jurisdiction over any infrastructure proposal and to allow for a full and open debate of the legislation.

Historically, the Ways and Means Committee has played a critical role in enacting legislation impacting our nation's infrastructure. However, it has been nearly three years since our Committee held a hearing on these matters as they relate to infrastructure, and last year, major legislation regarding overhauling our country's aviation system bypassed its referral to Ways and Means. We urge you to not let that happen again as Congress considers the Trump administration's infrastructure proposal.

Countless stakeholder groups from across the political spectrum stand ready and willing to testify to the importance of infrastructure investment, educate the public, and share their proposals for renewing the federal partnership. As Congress pursues infrastructure legislation, we urge you to maintain strong Ways and Means Committee leadership and commit to a series of hearings and a full legislative markup of any infrastructure proposals before the Congress. We look forward to partnering with you on these matters.

Sincerely,



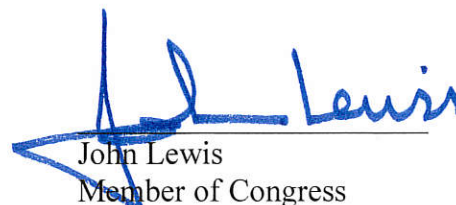
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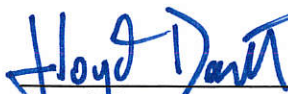
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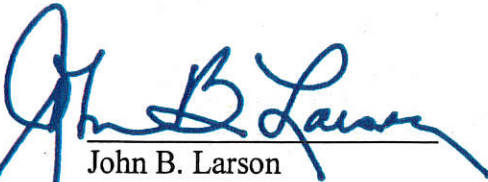
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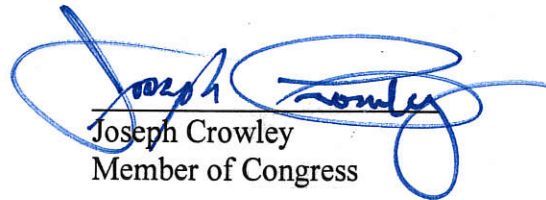
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